

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Disciplinary Action against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) – Misappropriation of funds by the presidents of 158 Silk Weavers Co-operative Societies (SWCS) along with officials – Show Cause Notice issued – Explanation received – Imposing the punishment of " Cut in Pension by 20% permanently "- Orders - issued.

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Industries and Commerce (Vigilance) Department

G.O.RT.No. 100

Dated: 12-07-2021

Read the following:

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.17(C.No.894/V&E/D4/2009), dt.10.02.2010.
2. From the Director, H&T, Rc No.1291/10-E3, dt.15.04.2010.
3. Govt. Memo. No. 2340/Vig.A2/2010-9, Dt.19.11.2011.
4. G.O.Rt Nos.77 and 78, Ind & Com (Vig) Dept., dt.16.02.2012.
5. From the Director, H&T, Ir.Rc.No.4077/12-E3, dt.25.04.2012.
6. G.O.Rt.No.588, Ind. & Com. (Vig) dept., dt. 24.08.2012.
7. G.O.Rt.No. 589, Ind. & Com. (Vig) dept., dt. 24.08.2012.
8. From the Director, H&T, Lr.Rc No.4077/12-E3, dt.16-07-2013.
9. Govt Memo.No.2340/Vig.A2/2010, dt.10-08-2015.
10. From the Commissioner of H&T, Lr.Rc.No.3155/12-E2, dt.29-12-2015.
11. Govt Memo.No.13126/Vig.A1/2015, dt.26.03.2016.
12. Govt letter No.13126/Vig.A1/2015, dt.16.03.2020.
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Ir.No.164/DC&C/2020, dt.30.03.2021.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have furnished enquiry report and recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) along with 14 other officials and to initiate criminal action besides recovery of funds from the Presidents of Societies in the case of misappropriation of funds in the 127 Silk Weavers Co-operative Societies (SWCS) released under various Schemes for the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 in Anantapur District.

2. And whereas in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Director, H&T has reported that the Department needs to conduct statutory enquiry U/s.51 of the APCS Act against the working of 127 Silk / Cotton Societies with special reference to the findings of the DG (V&E) and to complete the enquiry as expeditiously as possible and to initiate civil and criminal action against the Departmental Officers and the Society Presidents concerned, based on the findings of statutory enquiry report.

3. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Director, H&T was permitted to take necessary action for ordering enquiries/inspections under rule 51/52 APCS Act in respect of 127 Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies of Ananthapur District which were involved in misappropriation case as recommended by Vigilance Enforcement.

4. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have issued sanction orders and Article of charges against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) under Rule-9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

5. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Director, H&T as per rule 20 (5) (b) of APCS (CC&A) rules, 1991 has furnished the proposal for appointment of Inquiry authority and Presenting officer. Accordingly, Govt. have issued orders appointing Sri B. Srinivasa Reddy, JD, O/o DH&T, Hyd as Inquiry authority and Sri C. Jagannadha Setty, AD, (H&T), Ananthapur as Presenting officer to inquire into the charges framed against the AO vide references 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> read above.

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6. In the reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above, the Director, H&T has furnished the Inquiry report wherein the Inquiry Authority has held that the charges against the AO as proved. Further the Director, H&T has communicated the Inquiry Report to the AO and requested the AO to furnish his further explanation on the Inquiry report as per rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Accordingly, the AO Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) submitted his explanation to the Director, H&T vide representation dt.22.11.2015.

7. In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, the Director, H&T has been requested to indicate the quantum of punishment to be imposed against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd), since the charges against him are "Proved".

8. In the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above, the Commissioner of H&T has proposed "to impose punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently" against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd).

9. In the reference 11<sup>th</sup> read above, a show cause notice was issued to the AO Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) with a request to submit his reply if any within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the Memo. The AO Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) in his representation has requested to exempt him from severe punishment of 20% cut in pension on permanent basis.

10. In the reference 12<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have addressed APPSC to offer their concurrence on the decision taken to impose the punishment of "20% cut in pension on permanent basis" against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd).

11. In the reference 13<sup>th</sup> read above, the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose the punishment of "20% cut in pension permanently" against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd).

12. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided and accordingly hereby impose the penalty of "20% cut in pension permanently" against Sri K.V.S.K. Bhagwan Das, Deputy Director, H&T (Retd) for the misappropriation of funds in Silk Weavers Cooperative Societies in Ananthapur District during the period from 04.08.2004 to 15.06.2008.

13. The Director of Handlooms & Textiles, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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